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Dear Sir:

The purpose of this letter is to address the issue of the use of the Sacramento river as a canal to transport water to the California water system. This issue was addressed in the Central Valley Water Project bill in the 1930's through an authorization for revetment of the Sacramento river to defend against unseasonable and unnatural flows of water created by the use of the river as a canal to transport water. We as the Sacramento Valley Landowners Association went to congress in 1970 to secure the appropriation of funds for this purpose under the original authorization by congress in the 1940's. We were successful in securing the appropriation of the money in 1976 when soon after the start of work the project was halted by an environmental suit.

Any increase in flow through the river in an untimely fashion will need to be addressed through your CALFED process. The 1086 program does not adequately address all of the damage caused to private property and is not the solution for this issue. We had assurances at the time of construction of Shasta Dam that this issue would be taken care of and today, 54 years later, our assurances have not been fulfilled. This issue will not be left unattended if more water will be required to

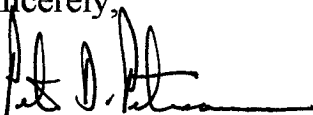Telephone 916 891 1493 • FAX 916 891 0359 • TELEX 910 372 0235

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pass through the Sacramento river in an unnatural fashion. Please see that proper attention is given to this detail.
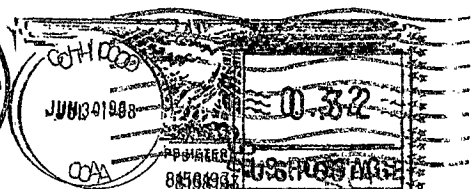
Sincerely,

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